



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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October 25, 2006

George E. Hays
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Dear Mr. Hays:

Thank you for your email on October 23, 2006, requesting the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, to extend the time for submitting public comments on the proposed Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit for the Desert Rock Energy Facility. The 90 day public comment period had been scheduled to close on this Friday, October 27, 2006. You have requested us to extend the public comment period for a limited time, through November 17, 2006, to allow you to coordinate a response among several environmental groups.

We have carefully considered your request. Because your request seeks a reasonable and limited extension and because your coordination of several groups will provide for greater efficiency in our Response to Comments, we have decided to extend the public comment period through November 13, 2006. All comments must be received by that date.

We are also notifying other parties who had requested open-ended extensions of time of our decision to extend the comment period through November 13, 2006. We will post this letter on the website dedicated to the proposed PSD permit for the Desert Rock Energy Facility to notify the public at large.

Thank you for your participation in reviewing the proposed PSD Permit. We appreciate your interest and we will consider and respond to all comments received through November 13, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerardo C. Rios".

Gerardo C. Rios
Chief, Permits Office